WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A wet-type multiplate clutch comprising:

a rotary outer member and a stationary inner member;

a first frictional engagement element provided to the outer member and a second frictional element provided to the inner member, the first frictional engagement element and the second frictional engagement element being alternately and coaxially arranged; and

a piston for axially pressing the first frictional engagement element and the second frictional engagement element into frictional engagement with each other,

wherein the first frictional engagement element is provided with oil grooves that are inclined against a rotational direction of the first frictional engagement element.

2. A wet-type multiplate clutch according to Claim 1, wherein the first frictional engagement element is a friction plate to which a friction material is secured.

3. A wet-type multiplate clutch according to Claim 2, wherein the friction material is secured to the friction plate in a state in which plural

friction material segments are arranged circumferentially with gaps therebetween, the gaps forming the oil grooves.

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